

More TROUTVILLE tidbits!

IT WAS A PERFECT DAY IN THE PARK (continued)

Fire Department (Scott Paderick)/**Rescue Squad** (Kenny Ball)/**Botetourt Co. Emergency Svcs.** (Terrilynn Hardman & Joey Bona) Each of these agencies put a "spark" into the day's activities teaching the children fire education and prevention. They gave out coloring books and hats, and the Fire Department even had a fire safety smoke house display for demonstration purposes. This was a very popular activity for the children. *Did you know it was the Fire Chief in the chicken costume?!*

INFLATABLES / ENTERTAINMENT - Children enjoyed the "Bouncy House" from *K&T Entertainment* as the older folks listened to the sounds of *Echo Theory* (band members Trent Matthias, Erich Lang, Sean Gimbert and Alex Nackley) and *Flat Top* (Kelly Scott and Dave McDonald). Thanks guys - for bringing the party alive with your music.

But in all honesty, what really brings the park alive is our Fabulous Fifteen "*Friends of the Park*". It is this great group of women from ages 13 to 79 that makes all of the events in the Town of Troutville possible. Peggy Combs, Janice & Emily Gordon, Dottie Henry, Lisa Martin, Melissa & Emily Martin, Kathy McGhee, Len Miller, Brenda Myers, Mary Jane Newcomb, Debi Robison and Jan Smith.

To keep up with what's happening in our town, check out our newsletter online at www.TownofTroutville.com.

Lee Minnix, Chairperson of Friends of the Park



IMPORTANT TOWN NEWS

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee is facilitating a Public Forum to hear your thoughts and ideas for our Town. Please join us on Thursday, October 15, from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Town Hall. Registration begins at 6:30 am. For more information go to www.TownofTroutville.com.

Community Day at the Post Office Friday, October 9th 9:00am-12pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Come meet the new Postmaster, Sharon Keene. Sharon has been with the US Postal Service for almost 11 years - her first 9 years were spent in Columbus, Ohio and then she moved to Wirtz, VA in May 2008. Sharon worked in the Roanoke Processing Plant until she became Troutville's Postmaster on August 1, 2009. "This is like my heaven on earth," says Sharon. "The beauty of the mountains is amazing. I look forward to serving the community and meeting all of you."

Cookies and punch will be served. Purchase \$50 in stamps or spend \$50 in shipping, and you will be entered into a drawing for door prizes.

Town Hall Restoration

The Troutville Town Hall is currently undergoing restoration of the South (Sunset Avenue) exterior wall due to some settlement that has occurred. The extent of the work includes the demolition of the section of wall from the Fire Department bay doors to the building corner at Route 11. Replacement of the wall will involve the foundation and up to and including the roof parapet. The appearance will not be changed, only restored to make the wall structurally sound. The work is to be completed by November.

Be a Rescue Squad Volunteer

By Ashley Amos

Vol-un-teeer. According to Webster's Dictionary, it is a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. Like other rescue squads throughout the country, Troutville Rescue currently has a shortage of volunteers. Troutville has been all-volunteer since it was formed in 1956. In 2007, Troutville Rescue was dispatched to over 1200 calls, and as Botetourt's population grows, so does our call volume. Unfortunately, as call volumes are increasing, the numbers of our volunteers are decreasing.

If you place a small child in a firehouse with an ambulance and fire truck, they are naturally drawn to the fire truck. Is it the shiny red paint? The loud sirens? People, children included, often associate ambulances and rescue squads with negative images (like blood and needles) and seldom think about the rewards and positive side. As a volunteer at Troutville, you will become a part of a close-knit group of people...you could say, a small family. While Fire and Rescue are two very different departments, we often work together as a team. In fact, a lot of our volunteers are dual-trained firefighters.

Membership is free and is open to individuals age 16 and up. Upon joining, you are provided with T-shirts and sweatshirts, as well as a pair of boots and duty pants. As they are available, you are also given a squad pager, and a portable radio upon certification as an EMT; protective gear is provided for use on calls such as accidents. Training is provided, as well as continuing education after you are certified. As a bonus, when you show your Botetourt County ID badge, you are also eligible for discounts at local restaurants and merchants; not to mention, Botetourt County administration shows their appreciation every year at a Volunteer Appreciation Day party. And while all of these rewards are nice, the greatest of all is the reward you feel from knowing you helped save a life – someone's child, brother or husband.

We understand that sometimes people want to help out, but not in the medical aspect. There is a place for you in our squad, whether it is as an EMT, an administrative officer, or helping out with fundraising. It is easy to become a member - simply stop by and fill out an application or visit our website www.rescue2.org. Want more information on how things work? Stop by and fill out a "ride-along" application, and see what we're all about – we will be happy to see you.

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Elizabeth Andrews

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